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Federal Communications Commission  
CC Dkt 96-45  
Room 222  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Ms /Mr.

I, Matt Leblanc, hereby certify that the above representations are known to me to be true and correct as of the date of this filing.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Matt LeBlanc  
VP

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# DELCAMBRE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF VERMILION


BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, personally came and appeared MATTHEW LEBLANC, Vice President of Delcambre Telephone Company, Inc., who, being duly sworn by me, did depose and declare:

In the FCC May 7 Report and order, the FCC provided that "in order for the administrator to calculate support payments, a carrier must notify the FCC and state commission, that for purposes of universal service support determinations, it meets the definition of a rural carrier."

I hereby certify that Delcambre Telephone Company, Inc. meets the definition of rural carrier.

  
MATTHEW LEBLANC

Sworn to and subscribed before me in the Parish of Vermilion, at Delcambre, Louisiana, this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1997.

  
FRANCIS KURT LEBLANC  
NOTARY PUBLIC

BEFORE THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. U-22762  
Delcambre Telephone Company, Inc., ex parte.

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**In Re: Exemption from the Provision of Toll Limitation to Qualified Low Income Consumers and Designation and Certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.**

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**ORDER NO. U-22762  
(Decided at the October 22, 1997 Open Session)**

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act mandates that a telecommunications carrier may not receive funds from the Federal Universal Service Fund after January 1, 1998, unless it is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) under section 214(e) [of the Telecommunications Act] by the state public service commission.<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) provides that only those carriers who offer and advertise *all* of the services supported by the Federal Universal Service Fund are eligible for ETC designation.<sup>2</sup>

However, 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(c) allows state commissions to grant requesting carriers additional time to complete any network upgrades that are necessary in order to provide single-party service, access to enhanced 911 service, or toll limitation, if exceptional circumstances warrant granting the additional time. Therefore, a carrier that does not currently provide these three services may receive universal service support, beginning January 1, 1998, for the duration of the period designated by the state commission while system upgrades are completed.

Delcambre Telephone Company, Inc. ("Delcambre") petitioned this Commission for certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, without intervention. Delcambre submitted an affidavit declaring that it provides all of the required universal services except toll limitation.<sup>3</sup> Delcambre requested additional time in order to upgrade its system to comply with this requirement.

This matter was brought before the Louisiana Public Service Commission at its Open Session on October 22, 1997. After discussion on the merits and a motion by Commissioner Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Sittig, the Commission unanimously voted to designate the above named carrier as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. The Commission further voted to grant the carrier additional time to comply with the toll limitation requirement and that exceptional circumstances warranted the granting of additional time.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) mandates that a state commission, upon its own motion or upon request, designate a common carrier, that meets the above requirements, as an eligible telecommunications carrier for a service area designated by the State commission.

<sup>2</sup> The supported services are: 1) Single-Party Service; 2) Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network; 3) DTMF Signaling or its functional equivalent; 4) Access to Emergency Services; 5) Access to Operator Services; 6) Access to Interexchange Service; 7) Access to Directory Assistance; 8) Access to Toll Limitation for qualifying low

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Delcambre be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the Delcambre exchange, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e).
2. Delcambre be granted an extension of time until December 31, 1998 to upgrade its system to provide toll limitation.
3. Exceptional circumstances warrant the granting of said extension of time.
4. This Order is effective immediately.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

November 6, 1997

/S/ DON OWEN

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/S/ JACK "JAY" A. BLOSSMAN, JR.

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